

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE JOINT SECRETARY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS,
CHAPTER 295-2, *EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL DATES*
RULE 295-2-.16, *LICENSES EXPIRING OCTOBER 31ST-EVEN YEARS.*
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Joint Secretary, proposes to adopt a new rule to the Rules of the Joint Secretary, State Examining Boards, Chapter 295-2, Expiration and Renewal Dates (hereinafter "proposed rule adoption"). The Joint Secretary voted to post this notice of adoption and hearing on March 4, 2009.

The proposed rule shortens the late period known as "lapsed, late renewal" after the expiration deadline during which a licensee can renew by paying a penalty fee for this license type from three months to one.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule and a synopsis of the proposed rule, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Professional Licensing Board's web page at <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/default.htm> . Copies may also be requested by contacting the Professional Licensing Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 21, 2009 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule adoption. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information for the maker (address, email address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 14, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-207-1363

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Division Director at his meeting on April 21, 2009 scheduled to begin at 10:05 a.m. at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The

Division Director has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-24A-14, and 50-13-3.

The Division Director will consider at his meeting on April 21, 2009 whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment imposes excessive regulatory costs on any licensee or entity and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-24A-14, and 50-13-3..

Additionally, at his meeting on April 21, 2009, the Division Director will consider whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-24A-14, and 50-13-3 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The Division Director will consider whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner when small businesses are independently owned and operated and not dominant in the fields of residential and general contracting.

For further information, contact the Professional Licensing Board office at 478-207-1300.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 5th day of March, 2009.

Randall D. Vaughn
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: March 5, 2009

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
RULES OF THE JOINT SECRETARY, STATE EXAMINING BOARDS
RULE 295-2-.16, Licenses Expiring October 31st– Even Years.**

Purpose: To set an expiration date for licenses to be issued by the Georgia Board of Massage Therapists and to change the period of late renewal for these licenses from three months to one month.

Main Features: The proposed rule amendments include the adoption of an expiration date for massage therapists as well as setting a late renewal period for those licenses.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
RULES OF THE JOINT SECRETARY, STATE EXAMINING BOARDS
RULE 295-2-.16, Licenses Expiring October 31-Even Years.**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

295-2-.03 Licenses Expiring October 31 – Even Years.

The following licenses expire on October 31 of the even numbered years:

(a) Massage Therapists, with a lapsed, late renewal period from November 1st of even years to November 31st of even years;

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-24A-14, and 50-13-3.